



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** pharmacy is one of the oldest of the health professions concerned with the health and well-being of all people; and
- WHEREAS,** today, there are over 6,000 pharmacists practicing in Louisiana providing services to improve medication use and advance patient care; and
- WHEREAS,** the use of medication, as a cost-effective alternative to more expensive medical procedures, is becoming a major force in moderating overall health care costs; and
- WHEREAS,** today's powerful medications require greater attention to the manner in which they are used by different patient population groups – both clinically and demographically; and
- WHEREAS,** it is important that all users of prescription and nonprescription medications, or their caregivers, be knowledgeable about and share responsibility for their own drug therapy; and
- WHEREAS,** the American Pharmacists Association, and the Louisiana Pharmacists Association have declared October as American Pharmacists Month with the theme Know Your Medicine – Know Your Pharmacist.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim October 2006, as

### PHARMACISTS MONTH

in the State of Louisiana, and urge all citizens to acknowledge the valuable services of pharmacists to provide safe, affordable, and beneficial medication therapy management services and products to all citizens.



*Attest By*  
*The Governor*

*[Signature]*  
*Secretary of State*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set*  
*my hand officially and caused to be affixed the*  
*Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the*  
*Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this*  
*the 27th day of September*  
*A.D., 2006*

*[Signature]*  
*Governor of Louisiana*